(b) whether it is a fact that National Institute of Virology, Pune was closed on that account;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons of its closure; and

(d) the action taken to ensure that all Bio-Medical Research Work to save mankind is not hampered due to such frivolous grounds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. It is also a fact that leading institution conducting experiments on animals are facing difficulties because of various provisions of Breeding of and Experiments on Animals (Control and Supervision) Rules, 1998 prepared by Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA) and the manner in which various decisions of CPCSEA are implemented.

It is not true that the National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune was closed. However, on 16th May, 2002 a large number of animal activitists entered the premises of NIV, Pune and seized the animals which were already in the process of re-habilitation.

All the issues relating to the role of CPCSEA on medical research and amendments to rules, procedures etc, that may be needed, have been taken up with Committee of Secretaries.

Dental X-ray machine in Kasturba Nagar CGHS dispensary

25. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA' : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a dental X-ray machine was procured for use in Kasturba Nagar/Sewa Nagar, CGHS dispensary in 1998 at a substantial cost;

(b) if so, whether the machine is lying idle since then for want of necessary equipment/facilities, etc.;

(c) if so, the persons responsible for this sorry state of affairs and action contemplated against them for misuse of public money;

(d) the reasons for not arranging necessary equipment/facilities etc. before procurement of the machine; and

(e) by when the X-ray machine will be operational and action initiated in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) A dental X-ray machine was procured in 1995.

(b) No, Sir, The machine was being used frequently for routine dental X-ray till 31-5-96 when a dental chair with accessories was supplied to the dispensary. Since then, the dental surgeon was concentrating more one the dental surgical procedures and X-rays are being done only if required during the procedure and such routine X-rays are not performed regularly. Though not being used in a regular manner, the dental X-ray machine is being used and as such is not idle.

(c) to (e) In view of (b) above, the questions do not arise.

Non-honouring of prescriptions by CGHS Ayurvedic dispensaries

26. SHRI ANIL SHARMA :
SHRI LAJPAT RAI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prescriptions by the doctors of Medical Centre, Parliament House Annexe and Safderjung Hospital are not honoured by the CGHS Ayurvedic dispensaries in Delhi;

(b) whether doctors of those dispensaries force the spouses/attendants of the patients to bring the patients again to the dispensaries causing thereby a great deal of difficulties/hardship to the patients;

(c) whether Government have issued any guidelines/instructions to CGHS dispensaries for not honouring the prescriptions of the Medical Centre, PHA/ Safdarjung Hospital; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government against the doctors of such dispensaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir. The prescriptions issued by the doctors of Medical Centre, Parliament House Annexe and Safdarjung Hospital are to be honoured by the CGHS Ayurvedic dispensaries in Delhi.

(b) No, Sir. As per the procedure, they are not supposed to.

(c) No such guidelines/instructions have been issued.

(d) In view of (a) to (c) above, the question does not arise.